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ALEXANDER FAMILY.

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS.

Page 64, eleventh line.—“In Brunswick county,” etc., should read *in Mecklenburg county*.

Page 65.—*West Family*, second line from bottom, strike out “and George West.”

Page 66.—*West Family*, correct first paragraph and make it read as follows: “Major John^s West, son of John^s West, and grandson of John¹ West, of Northumberland county, and Susanna Pearson his wife (daughter of Thomas Pearson and Susanna Bland his wife), married (1) Mary —, and had issue, (1) Ann, who married Daniel Talbot, and had John, deceased without issue, Monica and Elizabeth Talbot. (2) Hannah, born 1749, married John Ashton, of Lebanon, Westmoreland county (will probated in 1788), son of Charles Ashton (will dated May 10, 1778), of King George county (QUARTERLY, VII., p. 116). (3) Mary, married Richard Conway; (4) Elizabeth, (5) *Roger*. Col. Roger West married first, Nancy, daughter of Allen McRae. (For descendants, see *Hayden*, p. 342.) In QUARTERLY, Vol. VIII., p. 75, the descent of Prof. H. A. Washington, of William and Mary College, is traced from John and Mary West through their daughter Hannah, who married John Ashton. (No. 26 in Ashton Pedigree, QUARTERLY, VII., p. 117.) In the Bland Pedigree John Bland, of Scarborough, Yorkshire, son of Theodorick Bland, of Virginia, married Ann West, of Muston, in Yorkshire.”

NOTES BY MISS FANNY B. HUNTER.

Will of Simon Pearson: “To wife Hannah Pearson the use and occupation of negro man Kelmecock and Inominino and negro Fenny and child Conny and Sarah during life of said wife. . . To dau. Constantia 432 acres of land in Prince William county” (now adjoining Arlington) “which I bought of James Robertson from the Proprietors office with negroes named ——. To dau Susanna 195 acres in Pr W^m” (also adjoining Arlington, still owned by Alexanders), “adjoining the 432 acres devised to my daughter Constantia, also 330 acres on the south branch of Great Hunting Creek in Prince W^m bo’t from the Proprietors Office 17 Feb 1729, with negroes named ——. To my dau Margaret all that tract of land bought of Capt Thos Harrison on branches of Great Hunting Creek also 213 acres on Timber branch according to bounds mentioned in Proprietors Office to me 17 Feb 1729, with negroes named ——. To my son Thomas all the rest of my lands whatsoever and wheresoever with negroes named &etc. I give what money I have in England re-

maining due to me after goods I have sent for are paid for * * * to purchase negroes for said daus. Susanna and Margaret—wearing apparel sent for to be divided among wife and children. ‘Gold rings’ and ‘a new trunk’ to each daughter ‘which rings and trunk I sent to England for by Capt Nicholson.’ All personal property to be divided among my wife Hannah and sons and daus. Son Thomas to have care and tuition of daus. Susanna & Margaret until they shall attain 18 yrs or be married and he shall in such management pursue and follow the advice of Capt Thos Harrison. Wife, dau Constantia and son Thos, Ex^r & Executrixes—‘my good friend Thos Harrison to be coadjutor and assistant to them.’ Signed and sealed 7th day of Dec^r 1731, in presence of Alex Scott, J. Mercer, Philip Pritchett (PP his mark), Robt Long.

“At Ct held for Stafford Co 9th May 1733 the within last will & testament of Simon Pearson Gent. Dec^d was presented in Court by Thos Pearson & by Nathaniel Chapman in right of his wife Constantia and Thos Pearson, W^m Allison and Elizabeth Cooke made oath that they heard the dec^d declare in his last sickness that the said will should stand without any alteration but that his daughter Susanna should have a negro man named Solomon.

“At Ct held 16th Nov 1733 this will further proved by oath of other ex^r & certificate granted for probate in due form.

“Test.

Tho Claiborne C^l Court.”

The children of Gerard and Jane Ashton were given me by a granddaughter, a very old lady (Mrs. Jane E. Dennis, *née* Stith, of Washington). She said in her letter her grandmother *Jane Ashton*, was niece of Patrick Henry (?). The children: 1, Gerard, married Eleanor Lee, daughter of Richard Henry; 2, Ashton; 3, John; 4, Philip; 5, Elizabeth Ashton, married Thos. Lee; 6, Mary Dent; 7, Sarah, married Langhorne Washington; 8, Jane Ashton, married Otho Callais; 9, Sidney, died unmarried.

Do you not really believe that very old Mrs. Dennis in 1883 knew her grandmother, Jane Ashton, and aunts and uncles as I sent them from her letter?

The first Gerard was born in or close upon 1713. Placing his fourth child somewhere in the 'forties, would you not say he, Gerard, Jr., was of suitable age for a wife whose parents married in 1748? To marry him to “Henry Ashton’s widow” looks like marrying him to his wife’s mother.

Mrs. Dennis wrote her uncle Gerard married Eleanor Lee. You know Bishop Meade names an Eleanor Lee, daughter of Richard H., who *did* marry a Gerard Alexander.* ("Two witnesses" "to establish," etc.)

The grandchildren mentioned in Constant's will (which I had among title deeds) are, 1, *Nathaniel Chapman* (not John), James Wm. Locke and Sarah Louisa. The names of other children occur nowhere in it, but in a letter lately received from a descendant of this branch living in Louisiana, John, Mary, Williamina and Violetta are given, of later birth perhaps than date of will. The letter states that Williamina became Mrs. Moore, of Pennsylvania, and mother of Lady Erskine, wife of the Chancellor, but this has to be verified.

Margaret Pearson West *certainly* had only two children by John West, viz., Roger and Mrs. Ann Powell. The daughters named by you were by his first wife.

Chapman Family.

The children of Pearson Chapman (son of Nathaniel and Constantia Pearson Chapman) and Susanna Alexander were as follows:

1, Nathaniel, born June 27, 1767; died January 16, a few years after.

* The statement of Mrs. Dennis in relation to 32 Girard^e Alexander's marriage and children tallies closely with that of Mrs. Perkins'. But it is certain that 32 Girard^e Alexander, son of Girard^d Alexander, did not marry Eleanor Lee, since all authorities seem to indicate that Girard Alexander, son of Col. William Alexander, of Effingham, married Eleanor Lee, daughter of Thomas Lee (son of Richard Henry Lee) and Elizabeth Ashton Alexander his wife (daughter of Col. Girard Alexander and Jane Ashton). Compare Meade's *Old Churches*, II., 139, Lee's *Lee of Virginia*, p. 323, and *Hayden*, 193 (Editor). Eleanor Lee was not born till 1783.

Mrs. Calvin Perkins writes: "I had a letter written by Jane Ashton Alexander (then Mrs. Traphagen) to her niece, Mary Frances (Mrs. William Cole), speaking of the law suit over Philip Alexander's estate (see *Washington Reports*), and saying that Philip was her uncle, her father's brother. Mrs. Traphagen was very much incensed because my father, who had just married her great-niece, Susan Digges Cole, would not enter into the case. I have often heard it talked of in my childhood. . . . In the old letter referred to Mrs. Traphagen speaks of her sister Lee. Mrs. Lee's will gives her estate of Brentwood to her sister Jane and Sidney."

Twins.—2, George, born Jan. 6, 1769; died 1829; married January 3, 1799, Susan Alexander (his first cousin), daughter of Charles Alexander and Frances Brown. 3, John, born January 6, 1769; died 24 February, 1772.

4, Matilda Louisa, born January 24, 1772; died August 16, 1773.

5, Gustavus Alexander, born September, 1777; died July 17, 1780.

6, Susanna, born May 26, 1779; died young.

The children of George and Susanna Alexander * Chapman were as follows:

1, Matilda Louisa, born November 18, 1799; married John Seabury Chapman; *d. s. p.*

2, Susanna Pearson, born September 12, 1801; married Hon. John G. Chapman, of Charles county, Md.; died 17 January, 1872 (four sons).

3, Pearson, born September 7, 1803, married his cousin, Sigismonde Alexander; died May 10, 1877 (five sons, two daughters).

4, Frances Alexander, born February 9, 1806; married Major Hampton C. Williams, of Fairfax county (two sons).

5, Charles Alexander, born 17 November, 1807; died March 4, 1884, *d. s. p.*

6, Louisa, born April, 1809; married (second wife) Joseph Horner, of Warrenton, Va., *d. s. p.*; died November 16, 1886.

7, Nathaniel, born April 7, 1812; died unmarried January 16, 1836.

8, John, born August 25, 1814; married Helen Thornton (no children); died December 4, 1866.

9, Helen Mary, born November 13, 1818; married her first cousin, Thomas William Swann. One daughter, Susan Pearson Alexander, married George Edward Calvert, of Maryland.

10, George, born February 24, 1820; died December 30, 1840, unmarried.

11, Georgeanna Alexander, born February 6, 1822; married Dr. Bleight, of Philadelphia (four sons).

12, Alexander, M. D., born December 2, 1823; died unmarried November 24, 1862.

* Mrs. Chapman married a second time Geo. Dent, but separated six months after, and resumed the name of her first husband. She died April 14, 1856.

Triplett Family.

Children of Mrs. Sarah Triplett (daughter of Townshend Dade and Parthenia Alexander), who married Gen. John Chapman Hunter, at Abingdon near Alexandria.

i. Elizabeth Chapman, married, first, Capt. William Davidson, U. S. A.; killed in the Everglades of Florida; four sons; Gen. William H. Davidson, U. S. A. Married second Capt. Hunter Davidson, U. S. and C. S. N.

ii. Dr. John Hunter, of Washington; married, first, Nancy Dulany, daughter of Mr. Daniel Dulany Fairfax county; second, Mary Brooke, of Maryland. By first marriage: (1) Lucy Mason Hunter; (2) John Chapman Hunter, married Emma Biscoe, of Georgetown. Their children are:

1, William Dulany Hunter, of U. S. Legation at Cairo.

2, Lucy Mason.

3, Lilian, married Mr. George Holmes.

4, Biscoe Hunter, of Washington, D. C.

By second marriage: Brooke, married Margaret Territt, daughter of late Col. George Hunter Territt, of Marine Corps.

iii. Amelia, married William Henry Young, of Maryland.

iv. Margaret, married Charles G. Eskridge.

v. George, died young.

vi. Nathaniel Chapman, married his second cousin, Amelia Territt. One son, N. Chapman Hunter.

vii. Frederick Augustus Chapman lived to middle age unmarried.

viii. Thomas Triplett, captain U. S. N.; commodore C. S. N.; married, first, Mary Virginia Herbert, daughter of John Carlisle Herbert, of Alexandria; (2) Anne Pope, of Georgia, his second cousin; (3) Hattie DuBose, a niece of Gen. Robert Toombs, of Georgia.

ix. Adelaide, married Mr. White.

x. Laura Virginia, married Col. William McHaw, of Washington; no children.

Children of Commodore Hunter, all by first marriage:

1, Frederick (Dr.), residing in Washington, Ga., married Eliza Lipscombe, granddaughter of Ex-Governor Pickens, of South Carolina. Issue: (1) William Wallace; (2) Frederick C.; (3) James Lipscombe; (4) Thomas Triplett.

2, Madeline, married James Edmonstone, of South Carolina. No children.

3, Julia Herbert, married Franklin Harwood, colonel of engineers, U. S. N.

4, Thomas Triplett. Captain Peruvian Army. Died in Jamaica May 4, 1867, aged twenty.

5, William Wallace, C. S. N.; died Mobile February 4, 1863.

6, Charles, of Washington, N. C. (unmarried).

7, Sallie Virginia.

8, Minnie, died young.

Children of Julia Hunter and Franklin Harwood:

1, Sarah Wood.

2, Thomas Triplett.

3, Mary Herbert, died 1878.

4, Allan, died 1875.

5, Margaret Lucy, died 1871.

6, Elenor Franklin, died 1870.

7, Virginia Hunter.

8, Julian Carlisle Herbert, died 1875.

9, Franklin Bache.

In view of the valuable information given in a recent issue of the *QUARTERLY* of the Alexander family in Virginia, it becomes a question of interest to genealogists, to whom I respectfully submit it, whether or not there were two generations—father and son—instead of the only hitherto accepted; in other words, whether our John Alexander, father of Robert and Philip, was John Alexander, Jr., with an earlier generation in Virginia unaccounted for.

The letter given in full in the *QUARTERLY* was addressed to "John Alexander, September 18, 1663, a merchant, present at Potomac," and recorded at Accomac. A message of "harty thanks" is sent the father—or John Alexander, Sr.

FANNY B. HUNTER.

ADDITIONS TO PAGE 63, *QUARTERLY*, VOL. XV., BY JUDGE B. R. WELLFORD, JR.

WILLIAM PEARSON ALEXANDER⁵ (youngest son of John⁴, Robert³, Robert², John¹), married Sarah Casson, of Stafford county. Issue, four sons and five daughters: William⁶, James⁶,

and Philip⁶, died unmarried; Thomas⁶, married Elizabeth Innes, left four daughters:

1, Harriett⁷, married Dr. William C. Warren, of Edenton, N. C., who left several sons and daughters, the oldest of whom was Dr. Edward Warren⁸, surgeon general of North Carolina during the war of 1861-'63, and afterwards went to Egypt, where he acquired from the Khedive the title of Bey, and subsequently until his death practiced his profession with distinguished success in Paris.

2, Elizabeth⁷, married Dr. — Harris, of Bedford county. Her oldest son, Dr. Thomas A. Harris⁸, is now practicing medicine in Parkersburg, W. Va.

3, Sarah⁷, married James Patton, of Richmond; removed to Brooklyn, N. Y., and died there, leaving issue.

4, Mary Elizabeth⁷, married — Jenks, of Campbell county, Va.

William P. Alexander's daughters were:

1, Anne Casson⁶, who married Alexander Morson, of Stafford county. The late Arthur A. Morson, of Richmond city, was her oldest son.

2, Susan Pearson⁶, married Thomas Seddon. Their surviving issue were two sons, James Alexander Seddon⁷, Secretary of War of the Confederate States, and John Seddon, major C. S. A., and member of Senate of Virginia at time of his death in 1863, and four daughters, (1) Anne⁷, married William H. Roy; mother of Anne S. Rutherford⁸; widow of John C. Rutherford, Esq., of Goochland county, and of Susan E.⁸, wife of Col. Thomas H. Carter, now living in Charlottesville, Va.

2, Leah Seddon⁷, married Warner T. Taliaferro, mother of (1) Dr. Philip Alexander Taliaferro⁸, married Susan Lewis McCandlish, *d. s. p.* (2) Susan Seddon⁸, married Judge Beverley R. Wellford, Jr., now living in Richmond. (3) Thomas Seddon Taliaferro⁸, major C. S. A., married Harriotte H. Lee, now living in Gloucester county, Va. (4) Warner Throckmorton Taliaferro⁸, major C. S. A., and member of Legislature from Norfolk; married, first, Pattie Paul, whose only child, D'Arcy Paul⁹, died unmarried, and, second, Fanny J. Hardy, whose only surviving issue is Prof. Thomas H. Taliaferro⁹, recently elected president of Florida Agricultural College. (5) Edwin Taliaferro⁸, major C. S. A. and professor Languages in William and Mary College, married Fanny Bland Tucker, *d. s. p.*

3, Marion Morson Seddon⁷, married William Patterson Smith, of Gloucester; left four daughters and two sons.

4, Sarah Alexander Seddon⁷, married Charles Bruce, of Charlotte county, where she still resides.

3, Sarah Casson⁶, third daughter of William P. Alexander⁵, married William A. Knox; left sons and daughters, the oldest of whom, Agnes⁷, was the wife of James T. Soutter, of New York, and mother of Emily⁸, wife of Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix, of New York.

4, Eliza⁶, fourth daughter of William P. Alexander⁵, married John Roy, of Fredericksburg, mother of James Henry Roy⁷, married Mary Catharine Wellford, whose widow and one daughter Eliza⁸ are now living in Fredericksburg, and of Archie Taylor⁷, dead, leaving issue, and of Marion Morson⁷, who married James G. Brooks, of Richmond, and of Thomas Seddon⁷, who married ——— Micou, leaving an only son, Dr. Philip S. Roy⁸, now living in Washington.

5, Mary⁶, youngest child of William P. Alexander⁵, married Dr. Beverley R. Wellford; left five sons and one daughter.

1, Dr. John Spotswood Wellford⁷, married Emeline Madison Tabb, now living in Richmond.

2, Dr. Armistead Nelson Wellford⁷, married Elizabeth Landon Carter; parents of Robert Carter Wellford⁸, married Elizabeth Harrison, now living at Sabine Hall, Richmond county, Va., and of Beverley Randolph Wellford⁸, married Jane McDonald, now practicing law in Richmond, and of Dr. Armistead Landon Wellford⁸, married Imogen Scott, daughter of Robert E. Scott and Henningham Lyons his wife, now practicing medicine in Richmond.

3, Judge Beverley R. Wellford, Jr.⁷, married his second cousin Susan Seddon Taliaferro; parents of Fanny Beverley⁸, wife of Rev. Dr. Henry Alexander White, of Washington and Lee University, and of Rev. Edwin Taliaferro Wellford⁸, married Courtney B. Selden, now pastor of First Presbyterian Church, of Newport News, and of Susan Seddon, unmarried, living with her parents in Richmond.

4, Philip Alexander Wellford⁷, major C. S. A., married Mary Belle Street, father of (1) Roberta Catharine Wellford⁸, and of Sally Street⁸, wife of Robert Hamilton, of Petersburg, and of Thomas Spotswood Wellford⁸.

5, Charles Edward Wellford⁷, unmarried; secretary Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company.

6, Mary Alexander⁷, married James Markham Marshall, now living in Fauquier county with her three children, Emeline Wellford⁸, Beverley Alexander⁸ and James Markham^{*}.

COLONIAL ATTORNEY-GENERALS.*

(See Page 31.)

RICHARD LEE was the first Attorney-General of whom we have any notice. He is referred to as such in the records of the General Court in 1643. He was the ancestor of Gen. Robert E. Lee, and came from Stratford Langton, in the County of Essex. He succeeded Richard Kempe as Secretary of State in 1649, and continued such till April 1652, when William Claiborne was appointed. He first lived at Poropotank Creek, in Gloucester county, and afterwards removed, about 1651, to Dividing Creek, in Northumberland county. He served also as a Burgess and Member of the Council. His will was proved at London, January 10, 1664-'65.

BENJAMIN HARRISON succeeded Bartholomew Fowler as Attorney-General in 1702. He was the grandson of Benjamin Harrison, the emigrant to Virginia, and grandfather of Benjamin Harrison, signer of the Declaration of Independence. He was born in 1673, and died April 10, 1710. He lived at Berkeley, up James River, which place was forty miles from the Capitol. On account of the distance and the smallness of the pay, which was only forty pounds, Harrison soon resigned the office. In 1705 he was treasurer and speaker of the House of Burgesses. There is recorded in the Council Journal an order giving him access to the records, as he intended to write a history of Virginia. Doubtless his early death prevented his intention from being consummated. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Major Lewis Burwell, of Gloucester county, and died April 10, 1710. He was probably educated in one of the law schools of England.

STEVENS THOMSON succeeded Benjamin Harrison. In March, 1703-'4 Nicholson wrote to the Board of Trade asking that an attorney-general might be sent to Virginia to take the place of

* Omitted in the list given on page 31.